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Letter dated 9 February 1999 from the President of the Economic and Social Council addressed to the Chairperson of the Commission on the Status of Women

I should like to draw your attention to section III of Economic and Social Council resolution 1999/1 (see annex). As mandated by General Assembly resolution 50/227, the Council has continued to make efforts to strengthen its coordination and oversight roles vis-á-vis its functional commissions. In this regard, the Council has endorsed a number of recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the outcomes of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council (E/1999/3) and has requested the functional commissions to report to the Council at its substantive session of 1999 on the follow-up actions taken.

The following recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General (E/1999/3) are addressed to all functional commissions for implementation.

- Recommendation 1 of section 1
- Recommendations 1 and 2 of section 6
- Recommendations 1, 2 and 3 of section 7

The following recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General (E/1999/3) specifically call for implementation by your Commission:

- Recommendations 3 and 4 of section 1
- Recommendation 1 of section 2
- Recommendation contained in section 4
- Recommendation 1 of section 5
- Recommendations 1 and 2 of section 8

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By its resolution 1999/1, the Council also requested that the functional commissions that have not yet done so to implement General Assembly resolution 50/227 with regard to the provision of summaries of their resolutions or decisions for action by and/or for the attention of the Council.

I would be grateful if you could bring this matter to the attention of your Commission.

(*Signed*) F. Paolo Fulci

Annex

Excerpt from Economic and Social Council resolution 1999/1

III

Outcomes of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council in 1998

12. *Recognizes* that a consolidated report on the outcomes of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council is a useful tool with respect to supporting its coordination function;

13. *Requests* the functional commissions that have not yet done so to implement General Assembly resolution 50/227 with regard to the provision of summaries of their resolutions or decisions for action by and/or for the attention of the Economic and Social Council;

14. *Welcomes* recommendations 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of section 1, recommendation 1 of section 2 and the recommendations contained in sections 3 to 9 of the consolidated report on the outcomes of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council in 1998,[a] decides to transmit to the appropriate functional commissions those recommendations for their implementation, and requests the functional commissions to report to the Council at its substantive session of 1999 on the follow-up actions taken;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a further consolidated report on the work of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council in 1999 for consideration at its substantive session.

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[a] E/1999/3.